

Report of 1856, that they had a right to retain the amount of the tax paid for their commissions, but finally yielded to the Comptroller's view of the subject so far as to make payment under protest.

The attention of the Legislature is invited to this subject, and the passage of a general law recommended, which shall embrace in its provisions all officers intended to be reached by the Tenth Article of the Constitution, compelling them under penalties to make reports of the emoluments of their offices to the Comptroller, and conferring upon that officer powers and duties similar to those conferred by the Act of 1853, chapter 444, relative to Clerks and Registers.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The State's claim against the Federal Government of the United States, for money advanced and for interest on loans contracted by her in the prosecution of the late war with England, has at length been settled.

The sum received into the Treasury on this account was \$275,770.23, upon which the agents appointed to prosecute the claim, on behalf of the State, received a commission of ten per cent.

By Resolution 38 of 1825, "the sum or sums which may be received from the Government of the United States, for interest upon the money advanced by the State of Maryland, during the late war, for the use and benefit of the United States, shall constitute a fund for the establishment and support of Common Free Schools." The amount, thus devoted to the use of Free Schools, as ascertained by the Treasurer, is \$160,929.26, the proper application of which will be a subject of Legislative consideration.

The Comptroller has complied with the joint Resolution, No. 11 of 1856, in relation to the amount due the estate of the late William Fitzhugh, of Calvert county, under and by virtue of Resolution No. 10 of the General Assembly of the State of Maryland, passed at November session, in the year